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SUBJ: PROF. DAVID KLEINMAN

REF: TEHRAN 9790

PROF. KLEINMAN HAS CONTACTED POST TO ADVISE HE HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY DEPARTMENT PER REFTEL AND REQUESTED THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE TRANSMITTED:

1. CANCELLATION OF MY LECTURE PROGRAM IN MONROVIA AT THIS LATE DATE TO ENABLE SPONSOR TO REPLACE ME WITH NEW FRIEND IS TOTALLY UN-ACCEPTABLE TO ME.

"2. I HAVE SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME PREPARING LECTURES (THAT WERE TO BEGIN OCTOBER 10), IN MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR TRIP, AND IN ATTEMPTS TO SECURE AIR TICKETS PROMISED ME BY BOTH MR. ROMEO HORTON (IN HIS JUNE 24, 1975, LETTER AND IN SEVERAL ORAL CONVERSATIONS), AS WELL AS BY MRS. DOROTHY STANSBURY AND MR. ROGER RUSSELL OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT. I HAVE ALSO SPENT SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS ON TELEXES, OVERSEAS AND LOCAL TELEPHONE CALLS, AND ON OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

"3. MR. HORTON'S ATTEMPT TO REPLACE ME AT THIS LATE STAGE ON THE FALSE PRETEXT THAT I INSISTED ON THE POSTPONMENT OF THE LECTURES IS UNACCEPTABLE. MY SEPTEMBER 12 TELEX SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT I WAS WILLING TO ARRIVE BY OCTOBER 10, IF NECESSARY, AND IF I HAD

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A TICKET AT HAND, AS PROMISED ME BY HIM, MRS. STANSBURY, AND

MR. RUSSELL.

"4. SINCE BOTH MR. SUTHERLAND AND MR. FAWZY TALOUL OF USIS KUWAIT CONFIRMED TO ME THAT THEY WERE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BEFORE HORTON'S CANCELLATION TO ISSUE ME A TICKET, THE NEW CLAIM OF MR. HORAN OF MONROVIA THAT NO SUCH AUTHORIZATION WAS ISSUED SEEMS STRANGE INDEED. MR. JESTRA IN TOKYO ALSO CONFIRMED THAT AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TRIP EXPENSES WERE CONFIRMED.

"5. I RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT THAT A VALID CONTRACT EXISTS BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA, STATE DEPARTMENT, AND MYSELF AND I DO NOT AGREE TO THE PROGRAMS CANCELLATION. IF OCTOBER 10 DATE IS NOT SUITABLE FOR UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA, I WILL BE AGREEABLE TO A POSTPONEMENT TO NEW MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE, SOMETIME IN 1976. THERE IS NO REASON WHATEVER FOR STATE DEPARTMENT TO RECRUIT A NEW SPEAKER AFTER RECEIVING CONFIRMATION THAT I HAVE AGREED TO MAKE THE TRIP FOR AGREED UPON DATE.

"6. IF SPONSOR INSISTS ON CANCELLATION, I HEREBY REQUEST AN OFFICIAL STATE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER, AND INTO THE LOSSES AND DAMAGES CAUSED ME BECAUSE OF STATE DEPARTMENT'S REFUSAL TO ISSUE ME THE TICKET AS AGREED TO BY MR. RUSSELL IN WASHINGTON BEFORE MY DEPARTURE.

"7. IF CANCELLATION SHOULD BE INSISTED UPON BY MR. HORTON, I REQUEST TO BE COMPENSATED FOR ALL LOSSES DUE TO CANCELLATION.

"8. I REQUEST THAT NO REPLACEMENT SPEAKER BE APPROVED FOR THIS ENGAGEMENT AS THERE IS NO REASON NOR EXCUSE FOR IT. IF ALTERNATIVE SPEAKER IS APPROVED AT THIS LATE DATE, I SHALL REQUEST A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF THE ENTIRE MATTER.

"9. FYI: A COPY OF A TELEX SENT BY ME ON SEPTEMBER 12, 1976 (FROM ABU DHABI) TO MR. ROMEO HORTON IS ENCLOSED. YOU WILL NOTICE MY READINESS TO MEET OCTOBER 10TH DATE. PLEASE ALSO NOTICE THAT AIR FARE FOR TEHRAN-MONROVIA-TEHRAN IS APPROXIMATELY EQUAL TO AIR FARE N.Y.C.-MONROVIA-N.Y.C.
TEXT OF TELEX FOLLOWS:

"HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING AT GREAT EXPENSE TO SECURE THE ROUND TRIP
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AIR TICKET TO MONROVIA WITHOUT SUCCESS.

"SINCE IT IS RATHER LATE NOW IT MIGHT BE BEST FOR BOTH OF US IF MY TRIP IS DELAYED UNTIL THE LAST WEEK OF DECEMBER IN WHICH YOUR UNIVERSITY WOULD STILL BE IN SESSION. IF, HOWEVER, YOUR SCHOOL WOULD NOT BE IN SESSION BEYOND THE OCTOBER 10TH WEEK I AM STILL PREPARED TO ARRIVE IN MONROVIA BY THEN. IN THAT EVENT, HOWEVER, I MUST HAVE IN HAND A ROUND TRIP AIR TICKET TEHRAN-MONROVIA-TEHRAN.

"IF YOU CAN POSTPONE THE VISIT UNTIL LATE IN DECEMBER, WHICH

I MUST PREFER AFTER BEING ON THE ROAD FOR ABOUT TEN WEEKS, I WOULD
LIKE TO HAVE IN HAND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A ROUND TRIP TICKET NEW YORK

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MONROVIA-NEW YORK. I ALSO PREFER THAT YOU SEND ME DIRECTLY EITHER
ONE OF THESE TICKETS (DEPENDING ON YOUR CHOICE OF DATE FOR THE
VISIT), AND YOU COLLECT THE TICKET FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT. BEING
ON THE ROAD CONTINUOUSLY MAKES IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO MAKE THE
NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

"PLEASE SEND ME BY TELEX IMMEDIATELY (C/O INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL,
RIADH, SAUDI ARABIA TELEX NR 20076) YOUR CHOICE OF DATE FOR THE
VISIT AS WELL AS CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS FROM WHICH AIRLINE IN RIADH I
SHOULD PICK UP THE TICKET. I SHALL BE THERE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17TH AND
THEREAFTER IN THE KUWAIT HILTON (TELEX NR 2039) UNTIL THE 21ST OF
OF SEPTEMBER. PLEASE RESPOND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT
I MAY PLAN ACCORDINGLY. BEST REGARDS, DAVID T. KLEINMAN."

KLEINMAN LEAVING TEHRAN SATURDAY AND REQUESTS CALL FROM
DEPARTMENT AT SHERATON HOTEL (TELEPHONE: 683021-30),
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